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GIPSA Alleges SIG International Iowa, Inc. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 2015 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that SIG International Iowa, Inc. (SIG), Boyden, Iowa:

- failed to pay, when due, for livestock;
- failed to pay on the actual live weights, failed to note the actual weights of the livestock, and paid based on estimated live weights;
- entered into credit agreements with sellers of livestock which failed to contain a valid trust waiver; and
- gave false check dates to give the impression of prompt payment.

GIPSA filed a complaint against SIG on January 5, 2015. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.aspx. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, SIG may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and/or assessed a civil penalty.

SIG was engaged in the business of a packer.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.